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GOVERNOR'S BUSINESS COUNCIL FOR FISCAL REFORM TO HOLD FIRST MEETING

RALEIGH - The Governor's Business Council for Fiscal Reform will hold its first meeting on <u>Thursday</u> (May 8) at 10 a.m. in the ABC Commission Room on the fifth floor of the Administration Building (116 W. Jones St.) in Raleigh.

In March, the Governor announced the creation of the Business Council for Fiscal Reform. The Governor's Commission to Promote Government Efficiency and Savings on State Spending recommended the creation of this council in order to establish a permanent entity to identify and reduce government costs.

The Governor's Commission to Promote Government Efficiency and Savings on State Spending has issued a report with recommendations on how to make government more efficient. By mid-February, state agencies had reviewed the recommendations and were constructing plans or offering alternatives to implement the recommendations. The council will oversee progress toward action on these recommendations.

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